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TO: AG QUAY, CAIRO EYES ONLY
FROM: GEN SCOWCROFT
SUBJ: MILITARY PROJECTS IN EGYPT
REF: WHP #38, 839, 840

1. RE WHP 838, (A) AS TO GENERAL ISMAIL'S DESIRE TO PURCHASE U.S. JEEPS, YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF THE CONSTRAINTS AFFECTING ANY US GOVERNMENT DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN SALES. HOWEVER, WE SHOULD NOT DISCOURAGE HIM FROM PURSUING A POSSIBLE BUY COMMERCIALLY. YOU SHOULD MAKE POINT TO EGYPTIANS THAT SUCH VEHICLES CAN BE BOUGHT THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNELS, AND THAT THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE CAN HELP LOCATE APPROPRIATE U.S. MANUFACTURERS FOR VEHICLE WHICH EGYPTIAN ARMY WANTS. YOU SHOULD OFFER SERVICES OF THE EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICER TO ISMAIL. (B) AS TO ISMAIL'S REMARKS ON GENERAL MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, I BELIEVE YOU SHOULD REPORT THROUGH YOUR NORMAL CHANNELS WHENEVER YOU FEEL IT WILL CONTRIBUTE USEFULLY TO INTELLIGENCE PRODUCT. IT IS, OF COURSE, IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE TO COORDINATE WITH AMBASSADOR ETLTS ON ALL REPORTS OF SUCH REMARKS.

2. RE WHP 839, I BELIEVE AS YOU DO THAT TRAINING OFFERS OPPORTUNITY FOR CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND U.S. MILITARY SERVICES AND WE SHOULD LOOK FOR SUCH POSITIVE STEPS AS WILL BRING US LONG TERM ADVANTAGES.

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4. ON THE OTHER HAND, I AM SURE YOU APPRECIATE CONSTRAINTS ON OUR ABILITY AND WILLINGNESS TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM EGYPT. QUESTION WE FACE IS ONE OF MODALITIES AND FUNDING. I BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT YOU SHOULD FORWARD THIS EGYPTIAN TRAINING REQUEST TO ISA. WE WILL FOLLOW IT TO BE SURE IT IS SYMPATHETICALLY EXPLORED.

5. BY WAY, WHICH POSES ANOTHER IDEA WHICH COULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL VALUE. IF THE RAND-TYPE ORGANIZATION WHICH THE EGYPTIANS WANT TO FORM IS LIKELY TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON THEIR OWN FORCE STRUCTURE AND STRATEGY IN THE FUTURE, POTENTIAL VALUE COULD BE CONSIDERABLE. I DO NOT THINK, HOWEVER, THAT WE SHOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN OR APPEAR TO SUPPORT A RESEARCH OR INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION WHICH IN REALITY IS TARGETTED ON OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AREA FOR PURPOSES OF ENHANCING EGYPTIAN CAPABILITY TO DEAL WITH FORCES AND WEAPONS SYSTEMS OF ADVERSARIES. BELIEVE YOU SHOULD FLAG THIS POSSIBILITY FOR DIA TO FOCUS THE LIMITS TO WHICH OUR INTEREST SHOULD BE CONFINED AND AS BASIS FOR APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. SOME GUIDANCE POSSIBLY COULD BE GIVEN TO EGYPTIAN OFFICERS WHO VISIT THE U.S., BUT BEFORE THE U.S. COMMITTED ANY OF ITS RESOURCES WE WOULD WANT TO HAVE A CLEAR IDEA OF THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS AND LIABILITIES OF THE PROJECT. PLEASE BE SURE TO KEEP US ADVISED AS THIS MOVES ALONG IN ORDER THAT I CAN BE HELPFUL WHERE NECESSARY. I URGE, ALSO, THAT YOU COORDINATE FULLY ON THIS RAND-TYPE PROPOSAL WITH AMBASSADOR EILTS.

WARM REGARDS.
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TAGS: MILI, PFOR, EG, PLO
SUBJ: ARAFAT RECEIVES SPECAIL ATTENTION AT EGYPT'S
ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE
NASSER CITY STADIUM CAIRO WAS SCENE OF
WELL ORGANIZED MILITARY PARADE ON NEWLY DESIGNATED OCTOBER 6
ARMED FORCES DAY WHICH WAS MARKED BY SUBSTANTIAL DISPLAY
OF TROOPS, ARMOR AND ROCKET EQUIPMENT WITH AIRCRAFT FLY-BYS.
PARADE WAS REVIEWED BY PRESIDENT SADAT AND WAR MINISTER FIELD
MARSHAL ISMAIL ALI, IN PRESENCE OF LARGE CROWD AND ATTENDED BY
PRIME MINISTER MEGAZI, MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET, VISITING DIGNITARIES,
DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND MILITARY ATTACHES. (DCM AND USARMA
REPRESENTED EMBASSY.)
PRINCIPAL FEATURE OF OTHERWISE RELATIVELY ROUTINE MILITARY
AFFAIR WAS SPECIAL ATTENTION PAID PLO LEADER YASIR ARAFAT WHO
WAS AMONG VISTING DIGNITARIES. ARAFAT, WHO ARRIVED SOMEWHAT EARLY,
WAS GREETED BY EFFUSIVE EMBRACES BY MEGAZI AND OTHER EGYPTIAN
OFFICIALS ALREADY PRESENT. AFTER RECEIVING HEARTY APPLAUSE FROM
GATHERING CROWD.
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OLLOWING GREETINGS, ARAFAT SEATED HIMSELF AT FAR RIGHT END OF
FRONT ROW IN PRESIDENT'S PAVILION. AFTER
CEREMONIAL ARRIVAL OF PRESIDENT SADAT ACCOMPANIED BY FIELD
MARSHAL ALI, ARAFAT NOT ONLY EXCHANGED EMBRACES WITH BOTH BUT WAS
CONSPICUOUSLY SEATED AT SADAT'S RIGHT HAND PRIOR TO PARADE
COMMENCEMENT.
AFTER SADAT'S DEPARTURE TO PLAUDITS OF CROWD AT PARADE'S END,
CROWD SURGED FORWARD TO EDGE OF PAVILION CHANTING "ARAFAT" WHILE PLO
LEADER WAVED AND SHOOK HANDS WITH FRONT LINE BEFORE DEPARTING
HIMSELF VIA REAR OF PAVILION.
COMMENT: SPECIAL ATTENTION ACCORDED ARAFAT BY EGYPTIANS

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WOULD SEEM TO HIGHLIGHT CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH SADAT AND DEVELOP-
ING EGYPTIAN POLICY ON PALESTINIAN ROLE IN ARAB-ISRAELI SETTLEMENT
QUESTION.
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